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Table II. Reprimand

Date	Member of Congress	Conduct
1. July 29, 1976	Robert L.F. Sikes (Fla.)	Use of office for personal gain; failure to disclose interest in legislation.
2. Oct. 13, 1978	Charles H. Wilson (Cal.)	False statement before Standards of Official Conduct Committee investigating Korean influence matter.
3. Oct. 13, 1978	John J. McFall (Cal.)	Failure to report campaign contributions from Korean lobbyist.
4. Oct. 13, 1978	Edward J. Roybal (Cal.)	Failure to report campaign contributions; false sworn statement before Standards of Official Conduct Committee investigating Korean influence matter.
5. July 31, 1984	George V. Hansen (Idaho)	False statements on financial disclosure form; conviction under 18 U.S.C. §1001 for such false statements.
6. Dec. 18, 1987	Austin J. Murphy (Pa.)	Ghost voting (allowing another person to cast his vote); maintaining on his payroll persons not performing official duties commensurate with pay.
7. July 26, 1990	Barney Frank (Mass.)	Using political influence to fix parking tickets and influence probation officers for personal friend.
8. Jan. 21, 1997	Newt Gingrich (Ga.)	Allowing a Member-affiliated tax-exempt organization to be used for political purposes; providing inaccurate and unreliable information to the ethics committee.
9. Sept. 15, 2009	Joe Wilson (S.C.)	Interrupting the President's remarks to a joint session of the House and Senate which was found to be a "breach of decorum and degraded the proceedings of the joint session."

Table III. Expulsion

Date	Member of Congress	Conduct
1. July 13, 1861	John B. Clark (Mo.)	Disloyalty to the Union - taking up arms against the United States.
2. Dec. 2, 1861	John W. Reid (Mo.)	Disloyalty to the Union - taking up arms against the United States.
3. Dec. 3, 1861	Henry C. Burnett (Ky.)	Disloyalty to the Union - taking up arms against the United States.
4. Oct. 2, 1980	Michael J. Myers (Pa.)	Bribery conviction for accepting money in return for promise to use influence in immigration matters.
5. July 24, 2002	James A. Traficant (Ohio)	Conviction of conspiracy to commit bribery and to defraud U.S., receipt of illegal gratuities, obstruction of justice, filing false tax returns, and racketeering, in connection with receipt of favors and money in return for official acts; and receipt of salary kickbacks from staff.

Source: Jack Maskell, CRS Report RL31382, "Expulsion, Censure, Reprimand, and Fine: Legislative Discipline in the House of Representatives," (August 9, 2010).

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APPENDIX: Disciplinary Actions Taken by the Full House Against a Member

Table I. Censure

Date	Member of Congress	Conduct
1. July 11, 1832	William Stanberry (Ohio)	Insulting the Speaker of the House.
2. Mar. 22, 1842	Joshua R. Giddings (Ohio)	Resolution introduced by Member relating to delicate international negotiations deemed "incendiary."
3. July 15, 1856	Lawrence M. Keitt (S.C.)	Assisting in assault on a Member.
4. April 9, 1864	Benjamin G. Harris (Md.)	Treasonous conduct in opposing subjugation of the South.
5. April 14, 1864	Alexander Long (Ohio)	Supporting recognition of the Confederacy.
6. May 14, 1866	John W. Chanler (N.Y.)	Insulting the House by introduction of resolution containing unparliamentary language.
7. July 24, 1866	Lovell H. Rousseau (Ky.)	Assault of another Member.
8. Jan. 26, 1867	John W. Hunter (N.Y.)	Unparliamentary language.
9. Jan. 15, 1868	Fernando Wood (N.Y.)	Unparliamentary language.
10. Feb. 14, 1869	Edward D. Holbrook (Idaho)	Unparliamentary language.
11. Feb. 24, 1870	Benjamin Whittemore (S.C.)	Selling military academy appointments (Member had resigned before expulsion, and was "condemned" by House).
12. Mar. 1, 1870	John T. DeWeese (S.C.)	Selling military academy appointments (Member had resigned before expulsion, and was "condemned" by House).
13. Mar. 16, 1870	Roderick R. Butler (Tenn.)	Accepting money for "political purposes" in return for Academy appointment.
14. Feb. 27, 1873	Oakes Ames (Mass.)	Bribery in "Credit Mobilier" case. (Conduct prior to election to House.)
15. Feb. 27, 1873	James Brooks (N.Y.)	Bribery in "Credit Mobilier" case. (Conduct prior to election to House.)
16. Feb. 4, 1875	John Y. Brown (Ky.)	Unparliamentary language.
17. May 17, 1890	William D. Bynum (Ind.)	Unparliamentary language.
18. Oct. 27, 1921	Thomas L. Blanton (Tex.)	Unparliamentary language.
19. July 31, 1979	Charles C. Diggs (Mich.)	Payroll fraud, 18 U.S.C. §1001 conviction.
20. June 6, 1980	Charles H. Wilson (Cal.)	Receipt of improper gifts; "ghost" employees; improper personal use of campaign funds.
21. July 20, 1983	Gerry E. Studds (Mass.)	Sexual misconduct with House page.
22. July 20, 1983	Daniel B. Crane (Ill.)	Sexual misconduct with House page.

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